THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Government of India maintains data in respect of Central Ministries/Departments. The data from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, which is the nodal Ministry in reservation matters, indicates that the reservation provisions for physically challenged persons are being complied with.

New schemes for differently abled persons

1053. SHRI ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch new schemes for the rehabilitation of differently abled persons during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose as well as the targets fixed for schemes;

(c) whether any common facility centre is proposed to be opened with Central assistance at every district of the country for differently abled persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a Central Sector Scheme of providing jobs, in the private sector, to the persons with disabilities with a proposed outlay of Rs. 15 crores in 2008-09.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Construction of Babasaheb Ambedkar Foundation in Ahmedabad

1054. SHRI KESUBHAI S. PATEL:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has sent a proposal for central assistance for construction of Babasaheb Ambedkar Foundation in Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was not considered, since it was not covered under the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

Grant-in-aid to Madhya Pradesh for post-matric scholarships

†1055. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government has sent a proposal for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

grant-in-aid of Rs. 3570.69 lakhs to Union Government for providing post-matric scholarship for the welfare of primitive Tribes and Scheduled Castes people;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned the proposal of giving balance of Rs. 742.79 lakhs to the State Government;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) by when the above said amount is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) No proposal for release of Rs. 3570.59 lakhs has been received. However, central assistance of Rs. 695.98 lakhs and Rs. 583.41 lakhs respectively have been released to Madhya Pradesh Government by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the Post Matric Scholarship schemes during the year 2007-08.

Exclusion of creamy layer from SC quota

1056. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Valmiki Community in the North, comprising of Scavangers and Safai Karamcharies, is now demanding exclusion of the creamy layer from SC Quota and claiming for a separate quota within the SC quota for Valmikis and Ati-dalit castes;

(b) whether courts had earlier stuck down the provisions for categorization of quota within quota as unconstitutional; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take on this issue raised by Valmikis and Ati-dalits in the larger interest of equitable justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No such representation has been received in the recent past.

(b) The Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservation) Act, 2000 was struck down by the Supreme Court on 05.11.2004. Likewise the Notification dated 09.11.1994 of the State Governemnt of Haryana reserving 50% posts amongst Scheduled Castes in Haryana for Block 'A' consisting of 36 Scheduled Castes and 50% for Block 'B' consisting of Chamars, Jatia Chamars, Rahgars, Raigars, Ramadasias or Ravidasias, was quashed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance to disabled persons

1057. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that handicapped persons are facing difficulties in obtaining certificates and pensions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;